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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The following response is provided to the election/restriction requirement mailed October 3, 2005.

I Election/Restriction of Invention

Applicant traverses the requirement but provisionally elects Invention I (claims 1-26).

Applicant asserts that if Inventions I and II are patentably distinct, their relation is more properly that of a process and apparatus for its practice (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this regard, the process of claim 27 cannot "be practiced by another *materially* different apparatus..." (MPEP § 806.05(e), emphasis added).

For example, claim 27 requires an electronic assembly having a detachable key that contains a signal conductor. The apparatus claims (e.g., claim 17) recite electronic assemblies having detachable keys (or "portions" or "segments").

Therefore, election/restriction should not be required between claims 1-26 and claims 27-33.

II Election of Species

A. Applicant traverses the requirement to elect a species, but provisionally elects Specie I. In the event Applicant's argument (below) that a generic claim exists is disregarded, Applicant identifies claims 1-7 and 17-26 as reading on Specie I.

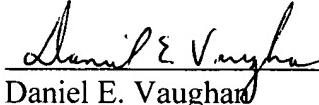
B. Applicant asserts that the application does include a generic claim – claim 17. The Examiner identified Species I-IV as being defined by Figures 1-4, respectively. Claim 17 directly reads on and describes each of Figures 1 through 4.

C. Alternatively, Applicant asserts that Specie I is not patentably distinct from Specie IV. Both species comprise detachable keys attached to an electronic assembly and are partially separated from the electronic assembly by channels, slots, slits or other open space. The keys contain conductors that extend onto the electronic assemblies and that would be broken if the keys were detached.

Similarly, Specie II and Specie III also comprise detachable keys attached to an electronic assembly and are partially separated from the electronic assembly by channels, slots, slits or other open space, wherein the keys contain conductors that extend onto electronic assemblies and that would be broken if the keys were detached.

Respectfully submitted,

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